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WASHINGTON POST

MIGUEL ACOCA FROM MADRID

LEAD: "US SECSTATE CYRUS VANCE TODAY REINFORCED AMERICAN
SUPPORT FOR THE SPANISH MONARCH'S MARCH TOWARD ESTABLISHING
A PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY IN A BUSY 20-HOUR VISIT."

OTHER POINTS:

-- VANCE MET WITH KING, SUAREZ AND OREJA ON DEFENSE
TREATY, LONDON NATO AND SUMMIT MEETINGS.

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-- SECRETARY, ACCORDING US OFFICIALS, SPENT MUCH OF HIS
TIME IN THE TALKS OBTAINING "INTELLIGENCE" ON POLITICAL
SITUATION AND ELECTIONS.

-- VISIT BOUND TO BOLSTER SUAREZ CANDIDACY.

-- AT SPANISH REQUEST, US PLAYED DOWN IDEA THAT DEMOCRA-

TIZATION HAS OPENED WAY INTO NATO, BUT MESSAGE STILL IMPLICIT.

-- SPAIN DOES NOT WANT NATO TO BE CAMPAIGN ISSUE, AND SOME MILITARY OPPOSE MEMBERSHIP.

-- NO MAJOR ISSUES BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. NUCLEAR DIFFERENCES SETTLED FOR TIME BEING, AND SHOE TARIFFS HALTED FOR TIME BEING.

NEW YORK TIMES

JAMES MARKHAM FROM MADRID

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE TODAY WENT THROUGH THE FORMAL PACES OF A ONE-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO SPAIN, A VISIT THAT HAD THE IMPORTANT SIDE EFFECT OF FURTHER BURNISHING THE POLITICAL IMAGE OF PRIME MINISTER ADOLFO SUAREZ."

OTHER POINTS:

-- VANCE NOMINALLY IN MADRID TO PRESIDE AT COUNCIL MEETING.

-- AMERICAN OFFICIALS SEE TREATY AS STEP TOWARD INTEGRATING SPANISH FORCES INTO NATO SOME TIME AFTER ELECTIONS.

-- ACCORDING AMERICAN OFFICIALS, MUCH OF TIME WAS TAKEN BY EXPLANATIONS OF US POSITIONS ON MIDEAST, SALT, SOUTHERN UNCLASSIFIED

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AFRICA AND BELGRADE.

-- US HAS TRIED TO SERVE AS "DIPLOMATIC BRIDGE" BETWEEN SPAIN AND WESTERN EUROPEAN ALLIES FOR MORE THAN TWO DECADES.

-- RECENT WASHINGTON-MADRID DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY HAS EFFECT OF IDENTIFYING KING AND SUAREZ WITH AMERICA'S DEMOCRATIC TRADITIONS.

-- SPANISH MILITARY AND GOVT HAVE COOLED LATELY ON JOINING NATO.

REUTERS

ROY GUTMAN FROM TEHERAN

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE WILL EXPLAIN US POLICIES ON THE SENSITIVE ARMS SALES AND HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES TODAY WHEN

HE MEETS THE SHAH OF IRAN IN THE FIRST TOP-LEVEL CONTACT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES SINCE PRES CARTER TOOK OFFICE IN JANUARY."

OTHER POINTS:

-- OFFICIALS SAID VANCE WILL STRESS US DESIRE TO MAINTAIN "CLOSE, LONG-STANDING AND IMPORTANT" RELATIONSHIP AND HOPE THAT NEW POLICIES WILL NOT DISRUPT IT.

-- AMERICAN HOPES OF USING CENTO MEETING TO TALK TO PAKISTAN FORNMIN DASHED.

-- US OFFICIALS TOLD REPORTERS THEY REGARDED PAKISTAN'S SNUB OF CENTO MEETING DIRECTED AT BOTH ORGANIZATION AND US, ADDING THAT BHUTTO HAD AMBIVALENT ATTITUDE TOWARD CENTO IN PAST.

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-- OFFICIALS EXPECTED SHAH TO BE CONCERNED WITH ARMS SALES POLICY REVIEW. VANCE WILL STRESS THAT REVIEW IS WORLDWIDE, NOT AIMED AT IRAN AND NOT YET COMPLETE.

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JIM ANDERSON FROM TEHRAN

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE TODAY EXPLAINED THE NEW US POLICY OF RESTRAINING ARMS SALES TO IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ABBAS ALI KHALATBARY."

OTHER POINTS:

-- MEETING FOR AN HOUR, TWO FORNMINs DISCUSSED RANGE OF SUBJECTS, INCLUDING ENERGY AND ARMS TRANSFERS.

-- US OFFICIALS ON PLANE SAID VANCE INTENDED TO EXPLAIN CARTER ARMS POLICY, WHILE HOPING IMPORTANT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES WOULD NOT BE DISRUPTED.

-- SOURCES SAID VANCE WOULD TELL SHAH THAT ALL FUTURE ARMS SALES WOULD BE REVIEWED IN HOPE OTHER SELLERS WILL CUT BACK ON WORLDWIDE SALES.

-- VANCE PLANS TO DISCUSS ARMS SALES, HUMAN RIGHTS AND OIL PRICES WITH SHAH.

-- OFFICIALS SAID HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IMPROVING IN IRAN, AND THAT WASHINGTON REALIZES SITUATION MUST BE

UNDERSTOOD IN NATIONAL CONTEXT OF IRAN. IRAN WILL NOT BE
JUDGED BY WESTERN EUROPEAN STANDARDS.

-- VANCE HAD HOPED TO TALK WITH PAKISTAN, BUT PAKISTAN
BOYCOTTED CENTO MEETING.
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-- VANCE WILL DISCUSS OIL PRICES WITH SHAH, AND SHAH HAS
INDICATED HE WANTS TO DISCUSS DISTURBING SOVIET ENCROACH-
MENT IN AFRICA.

-- VANCE LEAVES SUNDAY FOR GENEVA FOR GROMYKO MEETING.

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RICHARD MEYER FROM TEHRAN

LEAD: "THE GAP BETWEEN THE US AND SOVIET POSITIONS ON
NUCLEAR ARMS LIMITATION MIGHT BE BRIDGED WITH A 'BLEND'
OF PROPOSALS FROM BOTH SIDES, A SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL
TRAVELING WITH SECSTATE CYRUS R. VANCE SAID TODAY."

OTHER POINTS:

-- VANCE, HERE TO MEET WITH SHAH, SCHEDULED TO RESUME
SALT TALKS WEDNESDAY.

-- "I HOPE WE'RE GOING TO FIND SOME WAY TO SEE IF WE CAN
MOVE TOWARD SOME COMMON GROUND," SAID THE US OFFICIAL,
WHO ASKED NOT TO BE IDENTIFIED. "BUT I DON'T KNOW IF
IT'S GOING TO BE POSSIBLE TO DO OR NOT, QUITE FRANKLY.
WE HAVE TO SEE WHAT THEY HAVE TO SAY."

-- VANCE AND GROMYKO WILL BE TRYING TO MAKE PROGRESS ON
NEW PACT BEFORE VLADIVOSTOK AGREEMENT EXPIRES OCT 3.

-- US OFFICIAL SAID MAY BE POSSIBLE TO COMBINE PROPOSALS
TO HAVE ELEMENTS OF VLADIVOSTOK AND AT SAME TIME REACH
AGREEMENT AS TO WHAT WILL BE INVOLVED IN FOLLOW-ON
NEGOTIATIONS.

-- OFFICIAL SAID VANCE HAD RECEIVED NO NEW PROPOSALS FROM
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SOVIETS.

-- TALKS WITH SHAH EXPECTED TO CENTER ON ARMS SALES
POLICY.

-- ALSO EXPECTED TO DISCUSS HUMAN RIGHTS, OIL AND PROPOSED
REACTOR SALE NEGOTIATED UNDER KISSINGER.

-- OFFICIAL "TRAVELING WITH HIM" CLAIMED HUMAN RIGHTS
SITUATION IN IRAN IS IMPROVING, CITING OPENING MILITARY
TRIAL TO PUBLIC AND ALLOWING FILM CREW IN PRISON.

-- OFFICIAL SAID IT MAY BE PR, BUT IS SIGNIFICANT. "BY
HIS LIGHTS, THE SHAH IS DOING THE BEST HE CAN."

-- VANCE TO REMAIN IN TEHRAN SATURDAY FOR CENTO MEETING.

CBS
CBS RADIO, FRIDAY MORNING

LEAD ITEM

NEIL STRAWSER: LAST NIGHT WE HEARD MUCH ABOUT THE NIXON
FOREIGN POLICY. TODAY, THE SHAH OF IRAN IS HEARING ABOUT
THE CARTER FOREIGN POLICY FROM SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS
VANCE.

BOB SIMON: OFFICIALS TRAVELLING WITH SECRETARY VANCE SAY
THE TALKS THIS AFTERNOON WILL COVER A WIDE SPECTRUM OF
ISSUES: ENERGY, THE MIDDLE EAST, AFRICA, THE NORTH-SOUTH
DIALOGUE. BUT THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL TOPICS MAY WELL BE
ARMS SALES AND HUMAN RIGHTS. IRAN IS AMERICA'S MOST
IMPORTANT ARMS CLIENT. IT HAS BOUGHT SOME \$15 BILLION
WORTH OF AMERICAN WEAPONS OVER THE PAST DECADE. THE SHAH,
ACCORDING TO AMERICAN OFFICIALS, IS CONCERNED ABOUT PRES
CARTER'S DECLARED POLICY OF REDUCING ARMS SALES.
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THE OFFICIALS DO NOT THINK SPECIFIC REQUESTS WILL BE
DISCUSSED TODAY, BUT THAT VANCE WILL TRY TO EXPLAIN TO
THE SHAH THE RATIONALE BEHIND PRESIDENT CARTER'S POLICY.
THE HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTION IS PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE IN
THAT, AMONG AMERICA'S ALLIES, IRAN HAS ONE OF THE WORST
RECORDS. THE POWERFUL SECRET POLICE HERE IS OFTEN
ACCUSED OF USING EXCESSIVE VIOLENCE AND TORTURING POLITI-
CAL PRISONERS. BUT AMERICAN OFFICIALS SAY THEY THINK THE
TREND IS IMPROVING.

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